

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION  
5:23-CR-00192-M

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA                  )  
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    ) MOTION TO CONTINUE  
v.   ) ARRAIGNMENT  
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ERIC CHARLES WELTON                     )

NOW COMES Defendant, Eric Charles Welton, by and through undersigned counsel, Nardine Mary Guirguis, and moves this Honorable Court for an order continuing the arraignment in the above referenced case. Defendant respectfully shows unto this Honorable Court the following in support of this motion:

1. Undersigned counsel filed her notice of appearance on May 6, 2024.
2. Currently, arraignment is set for July 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM before the Honorable Chief District Judge Richard E. Myers, II.
3. Undersigned is continuing to review the discovery in this matter with Mr. Welton and researching several legal issues based on discussions with Mr. Welton that could affect the outcome of this matter. This has been made more difficult by Mr. Welton's recent transfer to a detention facility in Virginia.
4. To ensure that Mr. Welton is fully apprised of the evidence, understands the legal status of his case, and that he receives effective assistance of counsel, Mr. Welton is respectfully requesting a thirty-day continuance of his arraignment.
5. Undersigned contacted Assistant United States Lori B. Warlick for her position, and she does not object to a continuance.
6. This motion is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay but is sought to afford

Defendant his rights pursuant to the Fifth and Sixth Amendments of the United States Constitution. Additionally, neither the Government nor Defendant would be prejudiced by a continuance of the arraignment.

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court enter an order continuing arraignment to the August 2024 term of court. This extension of time is to be excluded from the computation under the Speedy Trial Act. The ends of justice served by this motion outweigh the interest of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial.

Respectfully submitted, this 2nd day of July 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document was served upon the Assistant Attorney for the United States via the CM/ECF filing system to the electronic mail address below:

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This 2nd day of July 2024.

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